

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that the present application contains a plurality of patentably distinct inventions, namely, the invention of FIGS. 1-3; the invention of FIGS. 4-5; the invention of FIGS. 6-8; the invention of FIG. 9; the invention of FIG. 10; and the invention of FIG. 10a. The Examiner has requested that applicant select a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. As such, applicant selects the invention of FIG. 9.

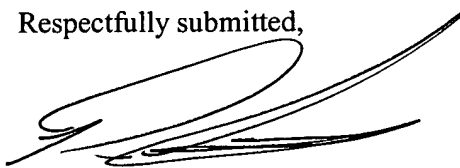
It is noted that the Examiner believes that only claim 15 is generic to all of the species identified above. However, this is incorrect. Applicant believes that claims 15-17 and 29-30 are generic to all of the species identified by the Examiner. It is also noted that claims 18-20 and 31-33 are generic to the inventions of FIGS. 6-8; the invention of FIG. 9; the invention of FIG. 10; and the invention of FIG. 10a. Consequently, applicant has maintained claims 15-20 and 29-33 in the present application.

In order to more completely define the invention for which protection is sought, applicant herein has added new claims 42-49 which are directed to the invention of FIG. 9. It is noted, however, that all of the newly added claims are also generic to the invention of FIGS. 6-8; the invention of FIG. 10; and the invention of FIG. 10a.

In view of the foregoing, applicant believes that the present application of claims 15-20, 29-33, and 42-49 is in proper form for allowance.

Applicant believes that no fees are necessary at this time. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this or any other communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

Respectfully submitted,



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